

## SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

### IN THE SPECIFICATION:

1. Please insert the following paragraph before paragraph [0001]:

### CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims priority to Provisional Application Serial No. 60/408,967 entitled “*Methods and Apparatus for Treating Intervertebral Discs*” filed September 5, 2002, the complete disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.